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TO: Joel Boyd, Ed. D., Superintendent of Schools
FROM: Billie Jo Turner, Chief Financial Officer
DATE: January 11, 2021
RE: Approval to Accept and Expend Allocated FY21 Awards

I respectfully request that the School Committee vote to approve and accept the enclosed list of FY21 grant allocations received to date.

These funds include Federal and State targeted awards that have been secured by the Lowell Public Schools through the Department of Secondary and Elementary Education, as well as, funding from Share Our Strength and the MA Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs.

Secondary Virtual Course Access Grant - DESE Fund Code 423**Allocation Amount:** \$236,883**Duration:** 11/18/20 to 6/30/21

The purpose of this targeted funding opportunity is to recognize challenges voiced by districts and educators regarding available resources to provide robust online course options to middle and high school students (grades 6 through 12) who cannot participate in the in-person learning opportunities offered by their schools.

Funding allocated to instructional technology for subscriptions to support virtual learning.

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Part B (IDEA) Special Education Program Improvement - DESE Fund Code 274**Allocation Amount:** \$82,880**Duration:** 12/15/20 to 8/31/21

The purpose of this targeted grant is to support districts to improve high quality programs that provide services documented on students' IEPs through in-person instruction, remote instruction, or a combination of both, with a strong emphasis on providing in-person instruction to the greatest extent possible.

Funding allocated to stipends and consultants to support Extended School Year learning.

Early Childhood Targeted Special Education Program Improvement and Safety - DESE Fund Code 298**Allocation Amount:** \$10,937**Duration:** 12/15/20 to 8/31/21

The purpose of this targeted grant is to support early childhood special education (ECSE) activities for eligible children ages 3–5 with disabilities, and to support districts to improve high quality programs that provide services documented on students' IEPs through in-person instruction, remote instruction, or a combination of both, with a strong emphasis on providing in-person instruction to the greatest extent possible.

Funding allocated for consultants to support student testing as well as staff professional development.

No Kid Hungry - National campaign funded by Share Our Strength**Allocation Amount:** \$75,000**Duration:** 12/17/20 to 12/17/21

The purpose of this grant is to support critical work to end childhood hunger by maximizing child nutrition programs and other emergency food programs and resources to ensure children and families have access to healthy meals at school and home.

Funding allocated to support LPS in having the adaptability to meet the changing needs of students and families and leverage a variety of strategies to increase meals served.

Food Security Infrastructure Grant - Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs**Allocation Amount:** \$180,691.35**Duration:** upon approval to 6/30/21

The goal of this grant is to ensure that individuals and families throughout the Commonwealth have access to food, with a special focus on food that is produced locally and equitable access to food.

(Cannot be used on costs associated with the consumption of food)

Funding earmarked for a refrigerated truck and a walk-in freezer.